Bulletin #2011-002 26 – April - 2011

Subject:
Switching positions in an ATC

Overview:
Effective immediately, the following rule changes will go into effect.

1. Replace Article 7.5.D.3 with the following:

   3. At the ATC at the end of a transit section, the marshal shall enter on the time card the check-in time of the competitor, and also the ideal starting time for the following special stage. The marshal will allow a minimum of three minutes between these times (except under the circumstances described in Article 7.5.D.4 below), and the competitors must be ready to start at that time.

2. Add the following paragraph to Article 7.5.D.4:

   The procedure for doing so is as follows: The first team will enter the ATC at their check-in time and request to switch positions with the second team. The second team will enter the ATC at their check-in time, wearing their safety gear. If they are wearing their safety gear and the control marshals allow the switch, the two teams will exchange position going into the stage start control. Otherwise, the two teams will remain in the same order for the stage start control as they entered the ATC.

Rationale: Previously, there was no procedure to allow teams to swap position in an ATC control without either a) giving a team a dust minute or b) violating the requirement that teams have a minimum of three minutes between when they check in and when they start. This change is being made to address that issue.

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